

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method of producing a jointless and porous granular covering, in which rubber-elastic granules and a binder are mixed and applied to a base to form a ~~sheetlike~~-surfacing, wherein prior to the curing of the binder, the ~~sheetlike~~ surfacing is compacted and smoothed on an upper side, and prior to the curing of the binder, the compacted and smoothed surfacing is provided with a texture on the upper side by being subjected to mechanical pressure using an uneven embossing face.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the granules have a mean particle size in a range from approximately 0.1 to 3mm.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the compacted surfacing is textured using a roller having an uneven roller surface.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method according to claim 11, wherein the ~~sheetlike~~-surfacing is compacted and smoothed using a heated screed.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the compacted and smoothed surfacing is textured using a heated roller.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the compacted and smoothed surfacing is provided with an irregular texture.

Claims 17-20 (cancelled).

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Claim 21 (previously presented): The method according to claim 12, wherein the mean particle size is in the range from approximately 0.5 to 1.5 mm.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the compacted and smoothed surfacing is textured using an unheated roller.

Claim 23 (cancelled).